Author's response to reviews

Title: Retrospective study of Necrotizing Fasciitis and Characterization of Its Associated Oxacillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Reviewer's report:
1. Its better to use methisilin resistant S. aureus in title instead of oxacillin-resistant, since in whole article MRSA is used

Response;
We accepted the comment and revised accordingly.

2. in abstract section its better to give first whole words of SCCmec and PFGE
Response:
We rewrote as your suggestion.

3. in table 1 better to give
Age (mean, yr)
Male (n,%)
Comorbidities (n,%) 
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Hospitalization (mean, day)
Underlying chronic disease 
Diabetes mellitus (n,%) 
Hypertension (n,%) 
Chronic hepatic disease (n,%) 
Malignancy (n,%) 
Obesity (n,%) 
Pulmonary disease (n,%) 
Chronic azotemia (n,%) 
Operative procedure (mean, n) 
Reconstructive surgery (n,%) 
Amputation (n,%) 
Mortality (n,%) 
Site of infection 
Upper extremity (n,%) 
Lower extremity (n,%) 
Head and neck (n,%) 
Trunk (n,%) 
Body temperature (mean) 
Shock (n,%) 
Leukocyte count ((mean cells/mm3) 
Platelet count (mean, per mm3)
C-reactive protein (mean, mg/dl)
Antimicrobials
Clindamycin resistance (n, %)
Erythromycin resistance (n, %)
Fucidic acid resistance (n, %)
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole resistance (n, %)

Response
We revised as suggestion.

Legends
figure 1, ORSA and OSSA must be MRSA, MSSA
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Response
We changed accordingly.